



Dates: Saturday February 13th - Recreational Division

Sunday February 14th - Competitive Division

Time: Tournament will start at 9:30am (Ending time based on # of teams)

Location: Smith Vocational High School Gym

Cost: \$120 Team

Format: Round Robin

Limit: 6 team minimum, 8 team maximum per division

Deadline: Friday, February 5th, 4:30pm.

(Entry forms/rosters and entry fees must be in by this date.)

Rosters: Minimum 6 players per team, Maximum 10 players on roster

(At least 3 women have to be on the roster)



First Place Team: All team members will receive a Championship Long-Sleeve T-shirt

Second Place Team: A team gift card to Joe's Cafe

#### Tournament Format:

- 2 Courts in play at all times
- 1 official per court
- 10 minute warm-up first 2 rounds
- Play to 12 or 15 minute matches
- Number of games based on number of teams registered
- Minimum 6 players per team, Maximum 10 players per team (at least 3 women have to be on the court at all times)
- Ghost players are NOT allowed
- Must be 18 years old or older
- Players can only play on one team, per division



Turn Over for Official Rules



### Official Tournament Rules:

## Teams

- Team Manager Check-in at 9am.
- Round Robin format, no playoffs.
- Minimum 6 players per team, Maximum 10 players on roster.
  (3 women on the court at all times) NO GHOST PLAYERS.
- No hats, caps or jewelry will be allowed.

### Playing Rules

- The "home" team (listed first) will serve first.
- Teams will switch sides after one team reaches 6 points.
- Substitutions (men for men, women for women) will only be made if a player is injured.
- If the ball hits the net on the serve and goes over then it is playable.
- A team loses the serve if the ball (A) goes out of bounds, (B) hits the ceiling or other obstacle.
- The ball must be served by the right back <u>behind</u> the rear line, right of the 10-foot mark, and may be hit in any manner with the hand. Players cannot block or spike a served ball
- It is a foul for player to: (A) touch the net, (B) reach under the net to hit the ball, (C) step over the centerline, (D) holding or throwing the ball while it is in play. The penalty for all fouls is either loss of serve or a point is scored depending on the offending team.
- The ball may be played only 3 times by one team in a volley and a player may not play it twice in succession but may play it twice if it is played by a teammate in between.
- Players of the serving team must rotate clockwise when receiving the ball to serve, and the right back must serve.
- Back line players cannot attack (block, spike) the ball unless they are behind the 10-foot line. This call is clearly up to the judgment of the official.
- At Smith Voke, the curtain may be pushed out of the way by the person playing the ball. If the ball hits the curtain, it is out of play.
- The side basketball courts, the ones the officials stand under at Smith Voke, are out of play. It is the officials judgment if the ball was playable if it hits the back hoops, which if ruled playable will result in a re-play.

## Referees

- One referee per court.
- All judgment calls will be the decision of the referee.
- All net violations will be called.
- A ball landing on the boundary line is IN.

# Reporting Match Results

- Match results must be reported to Tournament coordinators by winning team.
- Results must include the score of both teams.

## Weather Policy

- If case of inclement weather please call our cancellation hotline at 587-1044 or check our website at <a href="https://www.northamptonma.gov/recreation">www.northamptonma.gov/recreation</a> and click under cancellation information after 8:00am.
- If division is cancelled due to weather, the day will NOT be made up and refunds will be issued.